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"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 1:14.

"And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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THE COMPASSION OF JESUS

Should be Manifested in The Lives of His Followers.

A DEEPER FEELING OF FELLOWSHIP AND LOVE SHOULD PREVAIL.

"I would not make a good warrior to fight with carnal weapons. My heart is too tender. I do not even want to hurt the feelings of others, much less do violence to their bodies, and thus cause them pain and intense suffering."

This was the substance of an utterance some time since. Similar utterances come from the lips of all true hearted Christians, or are presented in their minds. This was the spirit of Jesus when He was on earth. Of His disposition the prophet wrote thus: "A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench. *** He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth."

When He was on earth He did not seek to slay and destroy, but He was here "to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." (Luke 4:18.) Instead of having a disposition to destroy and cause pain He was full of mercy and always tried to relieve suffering humanity.

When the widowed mother was following the dead body of her only son to the lonely graveyard, Jesus was so touched by the groans and tears of the grief-stricken mother that He stepped in front of the funeral procession and when He stopped it He calmly took the young man by the hand and had him to get up and go to his mother.

When He was the center of attraction and the multitudes were following Him, and he heard the cry of blind Bartimaeus, He was filled with such pity and sorrow for the poor old blind man, that He stopped the march of probably a thousand men to relieve only one.

He could endure suffering Himself and no complaint was heard, but when others suffered He was dipped in the deepest sympathy with them. When Mary and Martha were weeping over the loss of their brother the all powerful Son of God mellowed down and wept with them. He had such compassion upon them that He was unable to hide His grief. Between the sobs and groans He said, "Where have ye laid him?" and "Take ye away the stone." And He never stopped till He had taken all the gloom and heart aches from those two sisters and a host of friends. The tears had to be dried up, and those aching hearts relieved even if it did take a miracle to accomplish it. He would raise the dead to heal the broken-hearted when it took that to do it. This was demonstrated more than once.

At a certain time in His ministry Jesus had been healing many sick and preaching and teaching and casting out devils, and when the multitudes were gathered around Him seeking His sympathy and help the record says, "When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd." It seemed that His heart almost melted within Him as he exclaimed, "The harvest truly

is plenteous, but the laborers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into his harvest."

When Jesus came near to the Sea of Galilee and went up into a mountain and sat down "great multitudes came unto Him having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them," and before they left that place He called His disciples to Him and said, "I have compassion on the multitude." I guess that tender loving sympathetic heart was almost breaking when He added, "I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way."

This great sorrow of heart and compassion for the multitude called for a miracle, but He loved them too much to let them go hungry any longer after they had already been without food for three days. He did not question about whether they were good people or bad people. They were all alike to Him. His compassion was so great that it covered up all defects and wickedness. "I have compassion on the multitude," included every class and condition with no distinction.

More than once Jesus was moved with compassion to exercise Himself in some manner to relieve the suffering of others. He was the embodiment of mercy. The pity He had for fallen man was unbounded. His entire being was filled with sympathy for those who were in distress. The writer of Hebrews says of Him, "In all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that He might be a merciful (compassionate) and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people."

The compassion of Jesus should be manifested in the lives of His followers. This statement is verified by Peter where he says, "Be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous." (1 Peter 3:8.) I wish I could emphasize the importance of this experience. We may not have as much compassion as we ought. A greater amount of it might enable us to win more souls. A greater amount of it might enable us to keep more of the weaker ones in the love and grace of God.

Jesus gives us an illustration worthy of our consideration. A certain man, He says, went down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell among thieves which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. There the poor man lay with no one to care for him. Some passers by saw him, but their hearts were hardened and there was no response of sympathy or pity. At last a certain man came by and had compassion on the poor wounded man and ministered unto him in so much that he got him up off of the ground, and carried him to a hotel, bound up his wounds and took care of him. In finishing up the illustration Jesus made a strong appeal to His auditor and told him to go and do likewise.

Peter exhorts us to have com-

passion one of another. Instead of brushing aside a tear of sympathy and bracing up to hide the compassion that is heaving in your bosom, yield to it and let it burst and flow over the friend with whom you come in contact. It will have a tendency to melt his heart and lead him to a sense of his condition.

I have wished I could be more compassionate. That wish is intensified as I read of the compassion of Jesus, and Peter's thrilling words, "Having compassion one of another. I want a deeper compassion for lost souls. I want a deeper love for my brethren and friends. I want a greater supply of this experience so I can overflow my enemies or persecutors with a stream of grace and loving deeds similar to my Lord when He said, 'Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.'"

I do not know of any people in the world that are more spiritual and have greater love one for another than the members of the Church of God, but it may not be so great, so unbounded but what it could be increased. I do not, therefore, consider it out of place to say that a deeper feeling of fellowship and love should prevail among our people. We want to measure fully to the requirements described by Peter. It is evident that he referred to the very same grade of compassion that was in Jesus.

It is our desire to reproduce the life of Jesus and manifest that life to the world. We cannot do this without having a spirit of compassion that will manifest itself outwardly. John makes mention of this when he says, "But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?" (John 3:17.) It is said that "John Wesley, one winter day, met a poor girl in one of the schools under his care. She seemed almost frozen. He asked her if she had no clothing but the thin garments she was wearing. She said she had not. His hand was in his pocket in an instant, but there was no money there. He went to his room, but the pictures on the wall seemed to upbraid him. He took them down, saying to himself: How can the Master say to thee, 'Well done, good and faithful servant?' Thou hast adorned thy walls with the money which might have screened this poor creature from the bitter cold. So he sold the pictures to get money to relieve the girl's distress."

Many of our people have more compassion of this kind than they are able to manifest, because they do not have an over supply of this world's goods, but they can have that deep yearning in their hearts that is ready to materialize when circumstances are such as to make it possible.

Then according to Peter's statement there is a compassion that we owe to one another. This may not always mean that the other is in want of food or clothing, but to a more or less extent we all need the sympathy of each other during some conflict or crisis unknown to those around. There are times when these conflicts are stronger than others, and at such times those that are enduring the fight need special compassion of others whether they know the details of the conflict or not.

Paul describes this close relationship that should exist between the members in the following manner: "The members

should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it." (1 Cor. 12:25, 26.) With this close fellowship and unity existing Paul says, "Now ye are the body of Christ."

As we near the end and the persecutions become more prevalent, a deeper feeling of fellowship and love should prevail. No matter what it takes to obtain this experience it must come. If greater sacrifices are required to gain the fullness of compassion and fellowship, then they should be made. If deeper consecrations are necessary the members should not falter. If less talk and more prayer will enable us to reach the desired end, then this plan should be followed.

Again we quote from Peter, "Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing." (1 Peter 3:8, 9.) In connection with this Scripture and this subject it seems that we ought to go a step deeper. I'm sure there is a depth of love, fellowship and compassion that is awaiting those who are willing to pay the price.

In making a comparison, the writer of Hebrews shows that the high priests were to "have compassion on the ignorant, and on them that are out of the way." The reason for this was that by having this compassion those that were out of the way could be brought back. But without this compassion the ignorant would be spurned, and those that were out of the way would still go on in their disobedience and sin.

It is our desire and purpose to win back the erring ones, so I take it that an experience and display of compassion is the key to successful efforts to win them from the error of their ways. In his description of the matter Jude says, "And of some have compassion, making a difference: and others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating the very garment spotted by the flesh." The apparent means of this is that we should get a firm hold on a soul and never let up until that soul has been delivered. Evidently this can only be done by a true compassion, such as was in Jesus.

Peter was won back because Jesus had prayed for him (Luke 22:32) and the compassion of Jesus broke over him when those sympathetic eyes met Peter's on that memorable occasion. (Luke 22:61.) There is a peculiar power about compassion. It will win when everything else fails. Then it is safe for me to insist that the compassion of Jesus should be manifested in the lives of His followers, and that a deeper feeling of fellowship and love should prevail among us, because we want to win all we can and hold all we get.

Gone To Be With Jesus.

Our dear Brother Bob McCarn was called home Mar. 8, 1918. He had been a member of the Church of God about eight months.

He leaves a saintly wife, four children and a host of friends to mourn his loss. But our loss is heaven's gain. The bereaved ones have our sympathy and prayers.

W. A. Capshaw.

BAPTIZED WITH THE HOLY GHOST AND WITH FIRE

Greater Power Must be Given to Spread The Gospel in all The World.

THE PRINTED PAGE A MIGHTY FACTOR.

There in the great Book of books is an experience described and named and referred to as Baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. Those who have talked with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance have some knowledge of this experience, but there may be a depth of it not yet fully developed and comprehended.

There is not much said in the Bible about being baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire, but enough so it is there all right. The expression was made by him of whom Jesus says there was no greater prophet than he. In one of His discourses he said, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire." (Matt. 3:11.) Luke records the same statement in similar words.

When Jesus referred to the same experience He did not mention the fire. There is no mention made of the fire in all the Acts of the Apostles except in describing the scene on the day of Pentecost, the writer says that "there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them." (Acts 2:3.)

Fire is often used in the Bible as an emblem or sign of the presence of God. This was true with Abraham, and Moses and Elijah. It was on the day of Pentecost. But John said that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire in a similar manner to the way he baptized with water. It is clearly stated that John baptized with water, and John declared that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost and with fire.

Judging from this expression of John's we conclude that the "with fire," belongs to the experience of the Holy Ghost baptism in some way. Not infrequently do we hear the expression, "The Lord baptized me with the Holy Ghost and with fire." This testimony is often given by those upon whom the "like as of fire" was never seen upon them. But they often feel the billows of power surging through their bodies, and we sing, "I feel the fire burning in my heart."

It is not an infrequent occurrence for those who are baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire to feel a tingling sensation in their fingers, and in fact in all parts of the body. This is often referred to as the fire of God's presence. I have no objection to such an expression. I heartily approve of the experience and only wish that God's people in general had more of it. I like to hear people say they are baptized with the Holy Ghost and fire. There is something about the very expression that is thrilling and uplifting.

Of course the baptism itself is always accompanied with the other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance, but this thrilling sensation often surges through the body when there is no utterance by the vocal organs. The body is often quickened and moved suddenly by an unseen power. The movement produces a plea-

sant and happy feeling. Those who experience it greatly enjoy it. They love to have their bodies quickened and thrilled by this unseen force. It is invigorating to both body and soul.

It is not enough for one to just merely make up his mind to become a Christian and live all his days without any manifestation of the presence of God when there is something better. Evan Roberts used to say, "Get the flame." We want to say, Get baptized with the Holy Ghost and with fire. Speak with other tongues as the Spirit gives the utterance and feel the fire burning in your soul. This is real experience. This is worth something in this world and has its part in preparing one for the world to come.

Not only is it necessary to look after one's own interests, and obtain an experience to gratify self, but others must have help, and we who have the blessing are obligated to pass on the good news to others. Since there is such great responsibility upon a few, greater power must be given to spread the gospel in all the world. This greater power must come from God. Anything we can do to court God's favor and make it possible for Him to bestow greater power for service upon us must not be neglected.

The responsibilities are too great and the work too important, to attempt to slip through this life with little concern and in as easy a manner as possible. I have heard prayers like this, "Lord make us strong and able to work hard for thee." Those who pray prayers like that feel some responsibility, and know something of the greatness of the work. They know it will take hard work to accomplish the results necessary.

Many times I have caught myself saying, "Oh, if I did not have to stop and eat and sleep maybe I could get something done! In making this expression I did not mean to complain at God because He made us so we were compelled to eat and sleep to live, but the work is so great and so few to do it that I feel there is no time for me to stop and eat and sleep if I could only keep up without it.

Just think of it, There are more than twenty states here in our own country that have not been touched with the Church of God unless it is by the Evangel and some of our literature. Besides this, there is not one state in the Union that has really been evangelized by having the full gospel message given as we know it. It is surely time for us to get to business. Sometimes I think a fresh baptism of the Holy Ghost and fire would be good for all of us. Surely greater power must be given to spread the gospel in all the world if it is to be done by the few thus engaged.

I wish I could say something that would inspire those who can preach and pray so well when they are at it to keep at it all the time. How people can go back to their fields and business and stay there for months at a time while souls are going to hell is a mystery to me. They say

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I am a reader of the Evangel;
it is food to my soul.

I am living up to all the light
I have and am trusting God for
more light. I want to be sanc-
tified and baptized with the
Holy Ghost. Please pray that
God will give me the desire of
my heart, also that my husband
may receive the Holy Ghost.

Your humble sister,
Jane Freman.

GOD'S WAYS ARE
NOT OUR WAYS

IDA MAE LOPEZ

"The preaching of the cross is
to them that perish foolishness;
but unto us which are saved it is
the power of God." 1 Cor. 1:18.

Beloved, as we look around us
in this great beautiful world, we
view many wonderful things, so
many beautiful things that are
pleasing to the eye. While
these things are on exhibition,
why should God's power be hid-
den any longer? Surely these
are wonderful days.

Those were wonderful days
when the prophets of old foretold
the coming of a Savior who should
save people from their sins; won-
derful days when in a manger at
Bethlehem was born this little
one called Jesus. Those were
wonderful days when He, a
child of twelve years, preached
to the lawyers and doctors. They
were wonderful days when He,
this precious Jesus, stood upon
the shore of Galilee and told the
multitudes of His Father. How
the dear ones looked unto Him
bringing the sick ones to be
healed of many terrible diseases.
Then we find Him in Pilate's
judgment hall condemned to die;
He is taken to Calvary and cru-
cified for our sins. Such wonder-
ful days!

But more wonderful indeed
was the day when He burst forth
from the tomb having conquered
the grave for Himself and us.
It was a wonderful day when
after His ascension the promised
Comforter came to the waiting
disciples. The gospel was
preached to thousands that nota-
ble day.

But we are told that the
preaching of the cross is foolish-
ness unto them that perish.
True, for many mocked and re-
fused to believe the gospel in
those days of the wonderful out-
pouring of the Spirit.

God's ways have always seemed
foolish to the world. Did it not
indeed look foolish to see the
hosts of Israel marching around
the walls of Jericho with a ram's
horn to blow? Wasn't it a most
ridiculous way to besiege a city,
just marching around each day
for six days, then on the seventh
day marching around seven times
giving a shout. It looked foolish,
didn't it? But the walls came
down just the same.

God wants us today to shout,
to blow the trumpet, to sound
the alarm of the soon coming of
Jesus. God's people down the
ages have been noisy and we
find it so today. Hallelujah!

Then we read about Gideon's
victory won by three hundred
men with trumpets, pitchers and
lights. When they came on the
outside of the camp, blew the
trumpets, broke the pitchers and
cried, "The sword of the Lord
and Gideon" the mighty army
fled.

It would seem foolish to the
world for one army to make an
attack on another after this
fashion, with no means what-
ever of defence, but it was God's
way; He has always taken the
foolish things to confound the
mighty, and He always comes
out victorious.

Many other instances could be
mentioned in God's dealings with
the world in ways that would be
unthought of by men.

God is the same today; He
still has His peculiar way of
working with and through His
people. We know it seems fool-
ish to the world to see people
leaping, shouting and praising
God, some dancing and skipping,
others talking in tongues; but
to us it is not so strange; we
know that God has always worked
in mysterious ways His wonders
to perform.

"Where is the scribe? Where is
the disputer of this world? hath
not God made foolish the wisdom
of this world? For after that in
the wisdom of God the world by
wisdom knew not God, it pleased
God by the foolishness of preach-
ing to save them that believe.

Because the foolishness of God
is wiser than men; and the weak-
ness of God is stronger than
men."

BAPTIZED WITH
THE HOLY GHOST
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the gospel does not support
them and they are compelled to
support their families, but I
read from Paul where he says,
"They which preach the gospel
should live of the gospel." I
decided years ago that I would
rather fill my mission in the
world and go hungry than to fail
and find somebody's blood on me
at the judgment. I saw no way
of clearing myself of the blood
of all men without spending my
time in the ministry. I am only
writing this to those who can
preach and ought to preach.

In these days the printed page
is a mighty factor in spreading
the gospel. We can often send
the message where we cannot
go. The Evangel will be read
this week by about forty thousand
people. It carries a message of
love to all its readers. It goes
where I cannot. It does not
cost so much for transportation.
It can stay longer when it gets
there. It may do more good in
one home than my presence
would. But I am putting my
whole life and power into it.
I am sparing no sacrifice or
strength to make it a blessing.

The value of tracts as they are
sent on their mission is untold.
It is a source of gratitude to me
to know our people are becoming
so interested in their circulation.
We are sending out tens of
thousands of the little silent
messengers. Our friends are
helping us with this. We can
print them, but it takes others
to circulate them. We are work-
ing together.

I hope the time will soon come
when we can send out air-ships
loaded with tracts to be dropped
over the world. The nations are
dropping bombs that cause death,
we want to drop tracts that will
lead people to life. We want to
flood the whole country with
Pentecostal literature. We must
do it more than we have. We
have the equipment to turn out
printed pages by the millions.
I will welcome the day that will
require our presses to run night
and day to supply the demand.

Everybody can raise a quarter
and order a hundred tracts and
hand them out or send them out
to their faraway friends through
the mails. Listen! The printed
page can be made a mighty
factor. And I declare to you
that every body that is baptized
with the Holy Ghost and with
fire has to do something to help
spread the gospel. They cannot
shut down the throttle and be
satisfied. That holy zeal will
burn as long as there is life. I
pity the person that claims to be
baptized with the Holy Ghost
and fire and does not feel the
flame of holy zeal burning in his
breast. Put zeal and knowl-
edge together and there will be
something doing. Zeal without
knowledge sometimes leads to
wrong doctrine and fanaticism,
but knowledge without zeal is
of no value toward getting peo-
ple saved, sanctified and filled
with the Holy Ghost. A man
full of zeal for God, if he is ba-
ptized with the Holy Ghost, even
if he cannot read and write, is
worth more than a man full of
knowledge and no Holy Ghost or
zeal either. I would rather see
a person try to do something and
make a botch job of it than
never try to do anything at all.

But in the Lord's work we
need to find our calling and
stick to it. Sometimes we have
to make ourselves stick if we
stick at all, but when there is so
much to do this plan must be
resorted to if necessary. Mil-
lions are lost today and it will
take tremendous courage and
holy zeal to find them.

Everybody push, beloved, and
let us do something.

Baltimore, Md.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I feel that the Lord would be
pleased for me to testify to the
children of God how it was
proved to me that the Church of
God is a literal church. Bless
the Lord! And I take this ad-
vantage to testify through the
Evangel with which I have not
found any fault and do not ex-
pect to.

But first, I want to tell how I,
a poor weak mortal, ever came to
be saved, sanctified and baptized
with the precious Holy Ghost.
Glory be to God!

When a mere child God began
to talk to my heart, for which I
now praise Him; and though I
continued to drift farther and
farther away I remembered the
days of childhood; though I live a
hundred years I don't expect to
ever forget the lessons I learned
on the hills of Virginia.

I grew older, and as I grew
my heart went out after the
world and it became the vilest
and most debased—well, I hope
no one else will ever become as
I was while God talks to his
heart. Yet I lived a life that
was pleasing to the people in
general.

At last I came to Baltimore.
The Lord led me to a cottage
meeting conducted by Pentecostal
people, some whom I knew and
whose lives convinced me that
there was something real about
this great salvation. When I
went away from that house I
believed it was of God and at
last I saw myself as the Lord
saw me and though the vilest of
sinners He loved me, had shed
His blood that I might be clean.

At last, conviction seized me
so powerfully that I lost all ap-
petite for cigarettes of which I
had been so fond. I could not
eat nor sleep with satisfaction.
On the night of March 4, 1914,
the power of the enemy was con-
quered and I fled to the altar
and cried to Jesus to save my
soul. There I saw myself lost,
undone, ruined and doomed to
be cast into a hell prepared for
Satan and his angels.

As I realized these things I
wept and prayed as best I could
that Jesus would save me. Sud-
denly everything changed and I
felt as I never did before; I
hardly knew what it was, but I
knew that it was from heaven.

The brethren seeing that I
was in touch with God urged me
to press on and pray to be sanc-
tified and I did hold on to the
Lord desperately. I got my head
and hands up and was, as it now
seems, trying to reach right
through to glory; and my voice
did, for suddenly something
happened and I was swept off my
knees backward. For one in-
stant I thought I was falling,
then it seemed that I plunged
into a pool and it was so real I
actually heard the splash.

Then I was carried out of
myself and I saw Jesus dressed
in white garments looking at me
and when I came to myself how
I did praise Him for His love!
With all my heart I cried out
praises unto Him. Then I was
shaken by the power of God. I
was taken out of myself again
and when I came to myself I
was praising Him in other
tongues. Hallelujah! Glory
be to Jesus!

This was real and it is just
as real and more so today
than it was then. Bless His
holy name! I don't believe
there are devils enough in earth
and hell to make me doubt it; it
is so very very real. Glory!

Now for the greatest of all
churches—the Church of God—I
stand. Hallelujah! There
was a time, however, when I
didn't, but if you will bear with
me I will try to tell you why I
do.

When I first heard of the
Church of God I did not pay
much attention to it; but any-
other assembly in this city, headed
by Brother John W. Pitcher
whom I knew very well, accept-
ed it and the church was set in

order as the Church of God. The
assembly to which I belonged
did not pay much attention to
this as we were progressing very
well with the work and were
contented.

At the place where I am em-
ployed, two brethren from the
Church of God—Brother Gar-
land S. Wilt and Brother Melvin
Fletcher—also worked. They
began to talk to me of the Church
of God. I began to think upon
the subject and to study it out
as I saw. Satan soon convinced
me that there was no such thing
as a literal Church of God.
These two brethren continued
their efforts but utterly failed.
Then they wanted me to let
Brother Pitcher prove it to me.
I was afraid that he might con-
vince me and it not be of God,
so I sent him word to not come.
He didn't come to see me and
at last I asked the two brethren
to stop talking of the Church of
God as I had already talked too
much; the fact was I had failed
to walk in the light.

But during all this I was hav-
ing visions and dreams and they
were nearly always connected
with some one of the Church of
God.

One night we were to have
prayer service at the home of
one of the saints. To my great
surprise two of the deacons of
the Church of God came, and
such a time I have seldom had
in the Lord.

When the service was over
they walked down the street
with us and then disclosed their
mission. They brought us a let-
ter of love and invitation to at-
tend a meeting purposed to bring
about a unity among the Pente-
costal missions in Baltimore.

But on Sunday I told our lead-
er that I would not accept the
Church of God as a literal church
and would not stand for its be-
ing preached from our pulpit.
We agreed on this.

We went to the meeting; I
feeling content that I was pretty
well fixed; I was, but I could
not stand against the Word of
God. Because of certain condi-
tions the Church of God was not
explained much, to my disap-
pointment. But on my way
home I told Brother Johnson
that I believed there was some-
thing in it.

Two nights afterward our as-
sembly went to hear the Church
of God explained, and I want to
say that from that night until
now I have not doubted that the
Church of God is a literal church,
that it is a progressive, trium-
phant, glorious church. Glory
be to God for the Church of God!
Now I love to hear it sung, talked,
preached or any other way that
may please the Lord.

To anyone considering it, let
me say that though you seek a
lifetime you will never find such
a church as the Church of God
for it is ordained of Him, blessed
by Him, named after Him, kept
by Him and it is His.

Yours in the love and fellow-
ship of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Wm. L. Butler.

Copperhill, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am glad to say I have victo-
ry in my soul today. Praise the
Lord forever! I am a member
of the Church of God and am
longing for a deeper experience
of grace.

I request the prayers of every
saint for my wife's healing; she
is suffering with a severe cold and
cough. Also pray that she and I
may receive the blessed Holy
Ghost at an early date as we
want to be ready when Jesus
comes or calls to go to our dar-
ling baby now over there.

Your brother in Christ,
L. F. Turner.

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Red Bay, Ala.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I want to thank and praise my
blessed Redeemer for His match-
less love. I am so glad to say I
have tasted of the heavenly gift,
have been saved, sanctified and
baptized with the Holy Ghost
and fire and spoke in tongues as
the Spirit gave utterance. I
have been in this way two years.
Praise God!

I am looking for the coming of
Jesus. I'm so glad I have the
oil in my vessel.

Your sister in Christ,
Lula Gargus.

Fox Bluff, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I want to praise God for the
wonderful peace He has given
me in my soul. He has saved
and sanctified and filled me with
the blessed Holy Ghost

I am trusting God for soul and
body. My body is afflicted and I
desire the prayers of the saints
that I may be healed. I know
God can heal, for He has healed
me time and again. I believe
He will again. All my trust is
in Him.

Your brother,
W. W. Grey.

Evangelists Notice.

Read this carefully and do not
misunderstand. We now have
the new certificate forms ready
and according to the ruling of
the last Assembly it will be
necessary for all the Evangelists
to have their credentials re-
newed.

DO NOT STOP READING YET.

To avoid such a rush at the
central office we will call them
in by sections. Please do not
send until your section is called.
The first section will include all
west of the Mississippi river.

Be it known to all Evangelists
of the Church of God now labor-
ing west of the Mississippi river,
that on and after the fifth day of
February 1918, your old creden-
tials are declared null and void,
and, therefore, you are hereby
authorized to send your old cre-
dentials to the principle office at
Cleveland, Tenn., to have them
replaced with new ones that are
good for 1918.

SECOND SECTION.

The State of Alabama:

Be it known to all Evangelists
now laboring in the state of
Alabama that on and after Feb-
ruary 15 your old credentials are
declared null and void and you
are hereby authorized to send
same to the head office at Cleve-
land, Tenn., for renewal.

THIRD SECTION.

La., Miss., and Georgia:

Be it known to all the Evan-
gelists, now laboring in Louisiana,
Mississippi and Georgia, that on
and after February 25 your old
credentials are declared null and
void and you are hereby au-
thorized to send same to the
head office at Cleveland, Tenn.,
for renewal.

FOURTH SECTION.

Fla., N. C., S. C.

Be it known to all the Evan-
gelists whose church membership
is in Florida, North Carolina,
and South Carolina, that on and
after March 25, 1918, your old
credentials are declared null and
void, and you are hereby au-
thorized to send same to the
head office at Cleveland, Tenn.,
for renewal.

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The wise and cultured, the strong and skillful are being called upon for their best productions for meeting the demands of the times. The world looks on in wonder and amazement at the things being accomplished by man and the end is not yet.

But there is a greater agitation than that which now appears in the material world about us. This is only the outer fringe of that which is greater.

Jesus said, "There shall be signs in the sun and in the moon and in the stars," as well as upon earth, "for the powers of heaven shall be shaken." Read Luke 21, 25-28.

Many men do not see that the present agitation has any connection with eternal things. But hell is making her last great move. She is mustering all her forces, her very best.

On the other hand mighty hosts are being gathered. Those whose weapons are not carnal, but mighty through God. They come not with clash of arms or show of numbers, or gaudy appearance, but washed in the blood of the Lamb, redeemed from sin and Satan's power.

They are nearing the end of their warfare. They are growing valiant in battle. They too are attempting greater things, beyond what their fathers or generations about them have known. The times in which they live call for greater courage, faith and power.

Foes of tremendous proportions there are about them to be overcome. Foes of no ordinary intelligence, but so wily and skillful that nothing but the very best Christian armour will stand.

A foe, who not only encompasses and controls the world around, but who would dare to enter the human heart, the citadel of the soul, and possess and fill it with all the villainess and evil of Satan's nature, working wreck and ruin that blights to all eternity.

This foe must be overcome. God's hosts are rising in the power of the Spirit and they will expel him. He must be, he is being cast out.

The result of his presence is seen in self-will, or pride, even spiritual pride at times.

Unbelief, human ambitions, false doctrines, lust of the flesh, are other indications that the powerful foe is attacking, and that these things shall be driven out giving us victory, a great effort must be made.

Such things cannot abide if we faithfully obey the orders of the Great Captain. None but the weak and careless are overcome by such things. It is no small matter to conquer them, but if we keep wide awake and stand our ground faithfully we shall defeat them completely.

Satan does not fail to charge against the hosts of God with his most up-to-date artillery. He would throw a hellish darkness of doubts and fears over us that would hide the view of God and His holy will, but thank God in prayer and faith in God we are enabled to see it scattered as the darkness before the rising sun.

We must overcome. The time is near at hand. To lose much longer will be to lose forever. Our King is coming; He must find us standing with the overcomers.

We must be saved from the spirit of the age. We must be informed as to God's will. "Be not unwise but understanding what the will of the Lord is." "Be filled with the Spirit." We cannot make it through on mere

profession (if this were the victory then those who professed the most would be the greatest of Christian characters), nor mental, nor bodily exercise, but power to overcome. Power to live in God, consciously, continually, under all circumstances, everywhere living, walking, moving in God.

It is not an ordinary experience to be able to know God. Jesus said, "This is the true God and life eternal that they might know the only true God and Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent." To stand here there are a thousand suggestions and efforts of the evil one to be overcome. But this is the common standing of the servants of God, the overcomers.

Power to love God above all else, and to consciously know that we hold Him in esteem and consideration above all other creatures or objects of earth is an achievement that will class us with the overcomers who shall be pillars in the temple of our God.

To have power to obey God's Word supremely, and under all circumstances to stand unwavering by His commands will classify us with such men as Abraham, David, Daniel, John the Baptist, and the apostle Paul. Nothing marks us more and points us out more definitely as a child of God than to practice the Word of God in all our earthly life. Jesus said, "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you."

To be fully obedient to God at all times requires the strength and power of the Almighty.

Much is said of believing God, and it would seem a small matter to believe the plain statements of God's Word. But however it may be, simply believing God has brought life, salvation and healing to many thousands of earth's pilgrims. Believing God and taking Him at His Word has meant power to heal the sick, feed the hungry, raise the dead, and work the most marvelous miracles of all time. Men have been enabled by the power of God to demonstrate all of these things on earth. This is what God wants, a people who can show forth all His praise.

Profession is worth nothing to the world, if we cannot demonstrate our faith. How are they to take knowledge of us that we have been with Jesus if we do not manifest His works and power in our outward life?

When we fully understand the will of our God and give faithful obedience to it, we shall have the faith which brings the power. Let us follow on to know the Lord.

Cumberland Furnace, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

I am praising God this morning for full and free salvation. It is such a wonderful thing to have the Holy Ghost and to be where you can know you are a child of God. Glory to Jesus!

I have been in the way six months and by the help of the Lord I mean to go all the way; for Jesus says He will never leave nor forsake me.

It seems so strange to look back over my past life and see that the preachers preached none of the gospel to us except regeneration. They left off so much that is plainly taught in God's Word. They make fun of you today when you tell them that without holiness no man shall see the Lord. (See Heb. 12:14.)

We are entitled to sanctification because God wills it to us. "Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach."—Heb. 13: 12, 13.

There is always something

that you and I can do for Jesus. If we can't preach in the pulpit we can always walk right, talk right, and tell our neighbors of the love of God.

O brother, do you pray with your family and do all you can to encourage them along the way? There are six in my family that have the Holy Ghost. Praise God! We are just traveling on to glory. We are also witnesses to divine healing. Glory to the sweet name of Jesus!

I know we can live above all sin. The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 1 John 1:7.

I want to live so humble that when Jesus comes back I shall be ready to go with Him. If Jesus tarries my time on earth is short. I am sixty-eight years of age. I have been a church member fifty years, always living by some creed, but now there is love joy and peace in the Holy Ghost. It is always joy, praise God!

Friends, come up higher and walk in the way of holiness. Leave off the old rags and put on Christ. Pray God to turn on the searchlight that others may see and be saved.

I desire the prayers of the saints everywhere.

Your brother,
J. R. Hamilton.

Broxton, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Family:

When I was about fifteen years of age I attended a protracted meeting and the Lord convicted me of my sins; I joined the Baptist Church and tried to live a moral life.

About two years ago I attended a Holiness meeting and the Lord wonderfully saved me. I joined the Holiness Baptist as I wanted to walk in all the light the Lord gave me.

Last September the Lord sent Brother Jesse Vaughn, (one of the ministers of the Church of God) to this place. He preached sanctification and the baptism with the Holy Ghost. So one Friday night at prayer meeting the blood of Jesus was applied to my heart and I was sanctified wholly. Glory to Jesus! Such wonderful love filled my soul! I could tell people on the streets and everywhere what Jesus had done for me. Praise His name!

In December we had a revival here and the Lord wonderfully baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire with the Bible evidence of speaking in other tongues as in Acts 2:4. Oh, such joy and sunlight flooded my soul! Hallelujah! I didn't know before that Jesus did love me so. Praise His blessed name!

At the close of the meeting the church was set in order with eleven members and I was one of the number. The Church of God! What I have been looking for so long! Now I am established until Jesus bids me come up higher. Hallelujah!

If I can just get a place at Jesus' footstool where I can look upon His smiling face and kiss His nail-pierced feet I shall be satisfied.

Oh! I am so glad that God had compassion upon us and heard and answered our prayers. He saw that He had some true sheep here so He sent us a shepherd to lead us.

Please pray for me that I shall always know and do my Master's will.

Your sister,
Mrs. B. R. Robinson.

Asheland, W. Va.

Dear Brother:

We are having some good meetings here. The power is falling, the sick are being healed and one has been sanctified. There are several seekers. Some have seen the light on the Church of God. The Lord is with us.

Pray for us that God will give greater power.

Your brother,
J. M. Frazier.

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Burns, Tenn.

Dear Evangel Family:

I am praising God for keeping me, both soul and body. Praise His dear name! I praise Him for ever showing me the light and leading me in the way of holiness. I praise Him for victory over sin and the devil.

Jesus wonderfully saved me about eight months ago, also sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost and I spoke in a language unknown to me. Praise His name!

I feel the fire burning in my soul today. Hallelujah!

Please pray for me. I want to live for Jesus and do just what He wants me to do.

Your sister,
Nellie Ladd.

Rossville, Ga.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

I want to praise God this morning for the wonderful things He has done for me.

About seven years ago the Lord saved me, sanctified me and baptized me with the Holy Ghost. I spoke in tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. I am sorry to say that after this I grew cold, but about four years ago, the Lord in His tender mercy reclaimed me and I am on the Rock to stay.

Jesus is my healer. Last summer He healed me of an awfully bad case of sore eyes. I could hardly hold my eyes open long enough to see where I was going. I called the saints to pray for me; they laid hands on my eyes and prayed and the Lord healed them. To God be all the glory.

Some told me that if I didn't use some eye salve I would lose my sight entirely, but I said I would trust the Lord if I did lose my sight. I thought if God could get more glory out of my life by my being blind I was willing for His will to be done.

I want all the readers to pray for me that I may be true to God and train my children for Him.

Your sister in Christ,
Lizzie Alexander.

Branford, Fla.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I am praising God for salvation. There is a deep settled peace in my soul. I can't find words to express it, but the blessed Savior knows the gratitude there is in my heart. Hallelujah! He is all and in all to me. I find Him a present help in trouble, with every temptation He prepares a way of escape.

The Holy Ghost is my Comforter and my guide.

Please pray for me. I want to

ever be found humble and true to God, submissive to His will. I want to live a life hid with Christ in God.

Sister Vernon.

Whiteside, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God for victory in my soul. I have great joy. How I do praise the Lord for it! He has saved me from a life of sin, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and fire.

This way just suits me. We find that Jesus is all we need. He can keep us every day free from sin. He heals my body when I get sick. Who wouldn't want to serve a God like this?

I realize that we are living in the last days. I want to go deeper in the love of Jesus that I may be able to stand. Pray for me.

Your sister,
Edith Hicks.

Seneca, S. C.

Dear Evangel Readers:

I thank God for the privilege of writing a few words of honor of our great King. I am praising God this evening for the blessed Holy Ghost. My soul is filled with joy unspeakable. I am kept every day by power divine.

I had been in this way only a short time when Satan afflicted me with sores on my foot and lower limb. At one time it seemed that blood poison and death was my lot. But I held right on to God and had the saints to pray for me and the Lord delivered me from the blood poison, but I still had an awful sore on my right limb. The cavity at one time became nearly as large as a silver dollar. Many thought it was a cancer.

I had been feeling all along that the Lord wanted me to work for Him, but Satan would dishearten me. But after suffering two years and eight months I told Jesus if He would heal me I would work for Him, and thank God, He healed me. Praise His worthy name!

When I made the Lord this promise it looked as if my limb would have to be amputated, but there was never a remedy applied. I trusted Jesus alone and I am perfectly healed. I also trust Him for the healing of my family.

"Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord. Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, and that seek him with a whole heart. They also do no iniquity; they walk in his ways."—Psalm 119:1-3.

Yes, beloved, this is what it takes to go through with Jesus. We must obey His precious words.

Yours in Him,
Mrs. Ada Rhodes.

Summerville, Ga.

Dear Evangel Family:

How my heart is burning with love for God's dear children as I read the burning testimonies of the saints and of the wonderful way God is working. I can say I'm one of them: Glory to God!

I want to testify to the glory of God to what He has done for me.

I had not been able to read without glasses for more than twelve years. I had been testifying to trusting God for both soul and body; the Lord began to show me that my eyes were a part of my body and that He was the same God that healed the blind. Bless His name! After much praying and crying I laid my glasses on God's altar never to use them again. For I was prayed for according to James 5: 14. For three weeks I had a battle with the enemy; I could not read a word; but I held on to God. One day He let me see to read His Word. Now I can read the Evangel through without stopping. To God be all the

glory! God has been my healer for nine years and I can truthfully say that I am trusting Him for both soul and body.

Pray for me dear saints; I am standing alone with God in this little wicked town, but I mean to stand true if I do have to stand alone. I know it means so much to keep true in these days but I'm counting the cost.

Let us all keep little and humble before our great Captain and remember that the battle is not ours but His.

Your sister,
Alice Kinsey.

West Palm Beach, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

I praise the Lord for Jesus, the Redeemer of mankind. I praise Him for salvation. I'm so glad I have it; I feel it in my soul. I am determined to go all the way with Jesus.

Brother Pierce is holding some meetings here in this community and has several hearers, some of whom seem to be interested. Oh, how we feel burdened for lost souls! How we do want to help them! I praise the Lord for helping me to tell others with whom I come in contact about His love. I try to help them as far as I can.

Please pray for me that I may receive the baptism with the Holy Ghost.

Yours in the faith,
Emma F. Tedder.

Burns, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and Evangel Readers:

I want to honor and glorify God for His goodness to me, for such a great salvation. I praise Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost. Hallelujah!

I was a member of the Methodist Church about two years and thought I lived a Christian life; but last summer a Holiness preacher held a meeting close to our home and I went one night. It seemed as if I could not wait for the preacher to make an altar call. When he did, I hurried to the altar and was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. Glory to His name! I am still shouting the victory. Glory!

I am trusting God for both soul and body. I want to do just what He wants me to do. I want to be more like Him each day. I am looking for His appearing. I desire the prayers of all the saints that I may grow stronger in the Lord and be a humble servant of Him.

Please pray for my father's healing, also that he may receive the Holy Ghost.

Your sister in Christ,
Lizzie Richardson.

Request.

To all the Saints:

About eight years ago the Lord wonderfully saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost and I lived for Him about five years. But about three years ago Satan caused me to go back in sin. It makes my heart ache as I realize how far away from God I am.

Oh, dear readers, please pray that God will show me that there is redemption for me. If any one can give me any light on the Word with regard to my ever getting back to God, please write me, I will appreciate it. I know many who know me will read this. Please offer a prayer for me.

Your lost sister,
Bennie Evans,
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LEAVEN

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"Purge out therefore the old leaven * * * * * Let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." 1 Cor. 5:7, 8.

Leaven is used as an emblem of sin. The very least degree of sin is obnoxious to God. We cannot tell how much God hates sin, but to say the very least of it, His very nature loathes it.

Leaven is a sort of corruption. Sin is a corruption; it dissolves the very fabric of society; it dissolves the constitution of man; wherever it gets into our life it puts it out of order, disjoins it, destroys its excellence and poisons its purity.

Leaven is of a spreading nature; no matter how great the measure of flour, the leaven will work its way; there is no saying, "So far shalt thou go and no farther." A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump.

Thus it is with sin. When it had place among angels it brought down a multitude of them; when one woman sinned the entire human race was leavened by her sin.

Now, dear ones, according to the great apostle Paul if the leaven of evil is allowed to remain in the Church of God it will work its way through the whole of it. A little false doctrine in the church is sure to pave the way for further departure from the truth of God. The doctrines of the gospel have such a close relation to each other that if you snap a link you have broken the whole chain.

I once read of a bale of goods which was shipped to London from the East and carried in it the pest. It was only a small bale but it contained in it the death of hundreds of London's inhabitants. In those days one piece of cloth carried the infection into a whole town.

So if we knowingly permit the evil of false teaching to remain in the church none can tell the harm it will do.

The church needs to be purged of practical and doctrinal evils. That sour and corrupting thing which God abhors must be purged out. It is the business of the minister and all his helpers to stick close together and keep the church free from this leaven of false teaching.

It has been said that the Jews in olden times, especially when they became more strict in their ritual, would go through the entire house and search for every particle of leaven; clothes were shaken, cupboards were emptied. It might be well if cupboards were searched in these days; by so doing there might be some things located if nothing but a snuff box of leaven.

It is said that in the search made by the Jews they were so strict that if they saw a mouse run across the house which might be supposed to carry a crumb, they trembled. It would be a good thing for us to tremble at the Word of God and say, "Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139:23.

Some way I feel as if all our people should commit this little prayer to memory, not for our neighbors, but for ourselves. There will be some leaven located somewhere that needs to be purged out. I don't know just what it might be, but our God knows and if we will be honest He will help us to see everything that hinders His work, and thereby we shall be able to purge it all out of the way.

God help us all to do our best to obey the Word of God that it can be said: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" And the sisters too. I

feel sure that there is not the unity that there should be existing between the saints in some places; but when the search is made, the leaven located and purged out, then how they will love one another!

May the Lord bless all the Church of God and help us to do our part.

Morgantown, Miss.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

We are glad to report victory at Morgantown. The dear Lord is still honoring His precious truth. Glory!

We had a blessed time here last night. One received the Holy Ghost and three came into the church. Praise the Lord.

Your brother,
J. T. Priest.

Hudson, Fla.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God this morning for full salvation. I am so glad to testify to the fact that I am a child of God.

I praise the Lord for being with me through all the trials and temptations which come to me. He is so precious to me. Praise His dear name!

Your brother in Christ,
Clarence Brady.

Arley, Ala.

Dear Evangel Family—Greetings in the Name of Our Great King:

I do praise God because I am in possession of this wonderful salvation which has done so much for the human race, which gives us such sweet peace and quietness in our souls in these days of peril when most people are troubling about the condition of the world and not thinking about their soul's welfare.

I don't think there has ever been a time in my life when I appreciated my salvation as I do now. I am so glad I ever learned the secret of abiding in Jesus. He always does just what He promises in His precious Word. David said, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty." Psa. 91:1. He also said, "He shall give his angels charge over thee, in all thy ways."

Dear saints, if there ever has been a time when we needed to pray much and hold on to God for deeper things, surely it is now. It seems to me that the trying time is almost upon us. You know Daniel said, "Many shall be purified, made white and tried." Dan. 12:10. He said, too, that "Some of them of understanding shall fall, to try them, and to purge, and to make them white." Dan. 11:35. Oh, I do want to stand every trial and test that may come upon me.

There is such a hunger in my soul now for more of God, to be more steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. I want to always do my best for Jesus and be a light somewhere in this world for Him, for He has done great things for me. He saved me several years ago; almost five years ago He sanctified me and gave me the precious Holy Ghost whom He said would abide forever. Hallelujah! I can feel His presence now.

I want to be faithful a little while longer so that when I get to the beautiful gate I can step in and walk down the streets of pure gold and take possession of my mansion that Jesus has gone to prepare.

I praise God for the atonement that was made for the healing of our bodies. The Lord always heals us when we get sick. We trust Him who said, "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee."

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

A sister in Christ,
Belle Denson.

REVERIE

O. C. HILBUN

Tonight, dear ones, I am sitting here With love in my heart and a joyful tear; And though the billows around me roll, I'm happy in Jesus, there's peace in my soul. Oh, hallelujah! I'm praising His name For the blood-sprinkled pathway, to it I came, And the fountain of blood flowing so free, He shed it for you and He shed it for me.

The apostles were tortured in years long ago, So I'll do what God wants, where He leads I'll go, For I am no better than those men of old, But I'm rich in God's love, His wealth is untold. Now I am in prison behind the cold bars, But I'm trusting in Jesus through all the dark hours. He'll never forsake me nor leave me alone, When this life is over, He'll bear me safe home.

Folks say I am crazy, They've often said so, But what is the matter they surely don't know. I tell them of Jesus and His undying love, I tell them of mansions in heaven above. But they all laugh and they say it is rot, When I say I've salvation, they say I have not. So let them keep laughing and mocking that way, And while they are laughing at me I will pray.

To many, I'm sure it would bring bitter tears To be cast into prison facing many long years; But to me it is joy, for my heart is with God, My soul will go to Him when I'm 'neath the sod. My keepers are worldly, the doctors are too, But I'm sure they'd seek Jesus if they only knew What things He has promised to all who believe, For what I have got they can also receive.

But they will not trust Him nor think of Him much, They say I am crazy, fanatic and such. I know I am ignorant, I'll say this to you, But Jesus has made me kind-hearted and true. I'm on the King's highway, the way just suits me, And though I'm in prison I'm happy and free. I'm trusting in Jesus, my soul He will keep, His angels are watching whenever I sleep.

In tenderness o'er me they're watching now; He's leading me gently and I'll keep my vow. He spoke to my soul and said, "Peace be still," I told Him I'd suffer if it were His will. I have been tortured, been beaten and stoned, Been locked up in prison but never have groaned. Now I'm locked up in a ward for insane, They say I am crazy, but it's only a frame.

The devil is angry, he's on a big rage, But I'm safe in Jesus though I am in a cage. I talked to the doctors an hour or so And told them to meeting I wanted to go; They will not let me, but some of these days I'll be with you again and give God the praise. I love to serve Jesus and help save the lost And I will go with Him whatever the cost.

So while I am in here just pray for me, please, Have a talk with the Lord on your bended knees. Ask Jesus to help me to be faithful and true And always remember I'm praying for you. Keep pressing your way to those mansions above, Rest gently with Jesus on His great arms of love. Go where He says go, tell what He says tell, And then if in prison you'll know all is well.

Showers of The Latter Rain Falling in Illinois.

Dear Brother Tomlinson—Greetings:

I am glad to report victory this morning.

When I came to this place three weeks ago I found a band of saints but they were all torn up and divided in doctrine. Some of them did not believe in sanctification. I began to preach the teachings of the Church of God and those saints are now standing with shining faces witnessing to the experience of sanctification.

We had a great day last Sunday. The power of the Lord was there from the very first song. We preached on the church and God confirmed the Word with signs following. The saints danced, shouted, talked in tongues and praised God and the Lord added to the church twenty-one members. More will follow.

Several have been saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

We are going from here to West Frankfort to set the church in order there. There are some fine people there who have been looking for some one to organize them. When I told them about the Church of God and its government they said: "That is what we want."

I am glad I have the privilege of representing the greatest government in the world. It will

not only stand in this world, but will rule in the new earth.

D. P. Barnett.

Cliff View, Va.

Dear Evangel Family:

I am thanking God for this way of holiness. I am so glad I am one of the "despised few." I praise Him for His power that keeps me in this time of trouble.

Many are inquiring today about the coming of Jesus. Yes, He is coming soon; the end is near. Jesus told us of the times in which we are living. We are indeed living in perilous times, but in the midst of all this let us as saints of God put forth greater effort toward saving souls than ever before. Let us press forward in the great name of our God.

Yours in Him,
W. F. Mooney.

Report.

We had a wonderful meeting at Norris City, Ill., Sunday and Sunday night, March 17. The church was set in order with nine members. There are others to follow soon.

Let us ask Him who is able to make great things of small ones to bless the work there.

Yours in His service,
R. A. Fielden.

Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Brother Tomlinson:

I am praising God this morning for victory in my soul. Glory to God! I am praising Him for saving, sanctifying and baptizing me with the blessed Holy Ghost. He has kept me nearly two years. Praise Him! Had it not been for His mighty power and loving mercy I should have perished.

I praise Him for giving me my husband and little nine-year-old girl to go with me in this way to heaven.

I desire that all the saints shall pray a special prayer for the healing of my eyes.

Your sister in Christ,
Mattie Mc Cormac.

Clarence Town, Bahamas.

Dear Brother Tomlinson and All the Saints:

I want to praise God for salvation that keeps me from sin every day. I thank God for the day you came to Clarence Town, Long Island. I was convicted the first sermon I heard you preach. Praise God!

I am not discouraged but only feel stronger and know more about the gospel than ever before. Pray for me. I am getting old and my recollection and sight is bad but I mean to follow Jesus all the way.

We are still holding up the standard. There are a few saints standing and the power is still falling.

Your brother in Christ,
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